

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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TAYLOR (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....May 9, 2006

Members Present.....Commissioner Greg Chilcott,  
Commissioner Betty Lund and Commissioner Alan Thompson

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

The Board held a planning director interview with Dennis Stranger during the early morning hours.

Commissioner Thompson left for his trip to Sacramento, California for a WIR Conference after the interview.

The Board met with Gary Evans in regard to a memo written by County Attorney George Corn referencing road research on Roaring Lion Road, Lost Horse Road, Lake Como Road, East Fork Highway, West Fork Highway and Tin Cup Road. The road research is necessary due to concerns by the Forest Service and the Road Department for maintenance. Gary stated the Road Department has hired him to perform some necessary research on these roads and Linda Biesel and Dana Ashman of the Clerk & Records Office has assisted him by utilizing overtime hours. However, the volume of work that is necessary as named in the above-named roads dictate further and more exhaustive research.

Issues of discussion included recording the final research that Gary presents, possible costs for utilizing Gary at \$60.00 per hour and utilizing overtime monies for both Linda and Dana, which is a cost savings in the time needed for research. Other issues of discussion include the findings of 30' easements where 60' easements were thought to be in existence. Gary thought they could provide the needed research for approximately \$5,000.00. However, some of the roads, such as West Fork Road, need a better explanation of where the research needs to be done on the road length.

Commissioner Lund stated the Commissioners would establish a line item in their budget for \$5,000 for this research. Gary stated he would move forward on the research and will utilize Linda's and Dana's assistance.

In other business the Board held a bid opening on the MDOT right-of-way spraying. Commissioner Chilcott read the legal notice. Only one bid was received, from Bitterroot Spraying, which was a breakdown of cost-per-acre for the various rights of way. Commissioner Lund made a motion to have the Weed Supervisor review this bid and make a recommendation of award. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

The Board met with Interim Planning Director Karen Hughes, Floodplain Administrator Laura Hendrix, Administrative Director Skip Rosenthal, GIS Director Ken Miller and Susan Key, an independent consultant. The discussion included the CARDD Grant, which is to submit a Montana Renewable Resource Grant application to the Montana Department of Natural Resource Conservation (DNRC) on behalf of the Ravalli County Planning Department. (The Services agreement between the County and Susan Key was approved during a meeting on May 8, 2006. for this CARDD Grant).

Susan noted the grant program focuses on conserving, managing and preserving renewable resources such as land, water and wildlife. Laura gave some background on the grant draft process as she has been helping Susan gather information needed for the grant application. Benefits to the grant, if obtained, are to provide landowners, developers and the general public with maps based on more accurate elevation data, expediting subdivision review and approval, leveraging the committed FEMA funds, improve accuracy of floodplain boundary delineations and determinations of violations, determination of groundwater monitoring needs by County Environmental Health Department, designation of sensitive areas such as agricultural lands, groundwater recharge areas, wetlands, riparian areas, wildlife habitat/corridors, road maintenance and drainage plans, updating locations and improved maintenance of irrigation ditches, improved accuracy for wetlands, etc.

There was some discussion of the previous day's meeting with Barbara Kitchens in regard to a mapping project the Realtors are seeking grant funds for. The mapping project would define streams and types of streams, factoring the soils, etc.

The Grant that Susan is working on is different, in that it deals with the elevation data. This would be another layer of the GIS mapping. This grant is a submittal for \$100,000.00. Susan stated there is no match required, but it always looks better to have a match. Currently they have an in-kind match of employee time, which includes Planning, GIS and administration of the grant. This money is contingent upon some legislative trust fund grant dollars that might or might not be available.

Susan stated it would be best to have a letter of support from the Commissioners, the Planning Department, the Environmental Health Department and GIS. The final review and approval for this grant will be placed on the agenda on Friday.

The Board made a review of a request for an extension on the Mountain View Orchards Block 3, Lot 11 AP. Commissioner Lund made a motion to grant the extension to this subdivision. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

The Board held an official election canvas for the Stevensville, Florence and Ward Irrigation and the fire districts. Commissioner Lund made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1856, which is a cancellation of certain elections. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted "aye".